(c) About 10-30 per cent of fruits and vegetables go waste due to poor handling and lack of post harvest management.

(d) and (e) No survey has yet been conducted on net share received by farmers out of consumers payment and no authentic data is available.

Proposal to establish rice research institute in Chhattisgarh

†6. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish Rice Research Institute in Chhattisgarh;

(b) what are its possibilities; and

(c) the details of further planning in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Department of Agricultural Research and Education/Indian Council of Agricultural Research is not contemplating to establish Rice Research Institute in Chhattisgarh. Rice Research in Chhattisgarh is being carried out at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (IGKVV), Raipur. Two Centres for rice research one at IGKVV, Raipur and the other at IGKVV, Jagdalpur Campus are functioning under All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project to cater the need of rice research in the State.

Compensation to farmers affected due to snow fall

†7. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of crop losses due to long severe winter as a result of snow fall, frost and fog in northern India during January-February, 2008. State-wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided to affected fanners by Government, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to include frost, fog etc. in natural calamity;

(d) whether State Governments are authorized to utilize C.R.F. to extend relief to the affected farmers; and

(e) if not, whether Government would give its permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) There are two schemes for providing assistance to the States towards immediate relief in the wake of natural calamities *viz.* Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). The types of calamities, for which the States are eligible for assistance under the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

schemes are determined by the successive Finance Commissions set up from time - to - time. The Twelfth Finance Commission has not considered Cold Wave/Frost/Fog/Snowfall etc. as calamities qualifying for assistance from CRF & NCCF. Under the circumstances the State Governments, who are primarily responsible for taking immediate measures in the wake of natural calamities, are required to meet the expenditure on such events from their own resources. The eligible farmers are, however, entitled for compensation under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) of the Ministry of Agriculture, subject to certain conditions being fulfilled by the respective State Governments. Peril-wise loss assessment under NAIS is not made. It is a multi-peril, yield-based Crop Insurance Scheme, under which yield loss is compensated to a certain extent.

Drip irrigation

8. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hectares came under drip/sprinkler irrigation in the country in the last three years; year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the amount of subsidy that the Union Government provided for drip irrigation to States in the last three years; year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any special incentives or subsidy given to SC/ST, small and marginal farmers in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to West Bengal;

(e) whether all the recommendations made by the Chandrababu Naidu Committee implemented; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Area achieved under drip/sprinkler irrigation in the country during the last three years is given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The amount of subsidy provided by the Union Government for installation of drip irrigation system in different States during last three years is given at Statement-II (See below).

(c) and (d) The Union Government is not providing any special incentive or subsidy for SC/ST, small and marginal farmers and all categories of farmers are eligible for availing the central subsidy. No special incentive or subsidy is given to West Bengal.

(e) and (f) The major recommendations of Chandrababu Naidu Committee has been implemented. The Government has launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation during January, 2006 with two major components: